THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has so far detected 19 universities/institutions in different parts of the country as fake. A list of fake universities/institutions is at Statement. [Refer to the Statement appended to the answer to unstarred Question 1186]. No data or information of students studying in these fake universities is maintained.

(c) Grants are released by the UGC to only such Universities and Colleges as are recognized under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act, 1956. The UGC has, therefore, not paid any grant to any fake educational institution.

(d) Cases have been filed in various Courts by UGC regarding status and conduct of some of these universities/institutions. The concerned State Chief Secretaries and District Superintendent(s) of Police have been requested to get the matter investigated by registering an appropriate complaint/FIR and to initiate the prosecution against those who are involved in such acts of defrauding the cheating students by not only misrepresenting themselves as "Universities" but also by awarding degrees and using the word "University or Vishwavidyalaya" with their names.

Right to Education Bill

1220. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a CABE Committee had prepared a draft of the Right to Education Bill;

(b) if so, the present status of the draft Bill;

(c) whether his Ministry has instructed State Governments to send comments on a model Right to Education Bill which is to be enacted at the State level;

(d) if so, the reason behind the inability of Government to enact a Central legislation in this regard;

(e) whether the National Knowledge Commission has made some observations on the Right to Education Bill; and

(f) if so, the response of his Ministry to the knowledge Commission's observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) A Committee constituted by the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) under the chairmanship of Shri Kapil Sibal, the then Minister of State for Science & Technology and Ocean Development had submitted a report on 2.7.2005 containing essential provisions of the draft legislation envisaged under Article 21 A of the Constitution which makes education a Fundamental Right for children in the age group of 6-14 years. The report was considered by the CABE in its meeting held on 14-15th July, 2005 and based on the suggestions and comments received during the CABE meeting, the draft legislation was revised and circulated to the States/UTs. Based on further consultations and comprehensive discussion on the legal and constitutional implications as well as the concomitant financial requirements a draft Model Right to Education Bill, spelling out broad parameters and features for achieving the Constitutional mandate of free and compulsory education was drafted and circulated as framework to the States/UTs to seek their comments thereon.

(e) Yes Sir. National Knowledge Commission have expressed their view that a central legislation under Article 21 A of the Constitution should be enacted requiring the States to enact Right to Education Bills within a specified time period, and with the primary financial responsibility for this resting with the Central Government. In addition the National Knowledge Commission has suggested that norms for infrastructure, pupil-teacher ratios, Teaching methods and facilities should be adhered to. It has also observed that norms for minimum qualifications of teachers are important. It has also made observations on justiciability and redressal mechanisms.

(f) For making Right to Education a reality, adequate financial provisions are necessary. In this context the matter has been taken up with the Planning Commission to make an unequivocal commitment to enhancing public spending on education to 6% of the GDP during the 11th Plan.

Policy for IIT campus in other States

1221. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether IITs under the present policies and laws can start a second campus in different States;